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Applicant: Carson and Albani  
Serial No.: 09/616,247  
Filed: July 14, 2000  
Title: VACCINE COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS USEFUL IN INDUCING  
IMMUNE PROTECTION AGAINST ARTHRITIC PEPTIDES  
INVOLVED IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for responding to the Final Office Action mailed August 13, 2002 and the Advisory Action mailed February 21, 2003. A Notice of Appeal was filed February 13, 2003.

The requested extension is for one (1) month, extending the period for response from April 13, 2003 to May 13, 2003.

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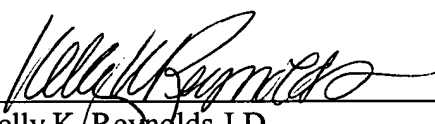
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Enclosed is a check in the total amount of \$430.00, which includes \$55.00 for the One (1) Month extension of time fee and \$375.00 for the filing of an RCE application. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1355 for any other fees or credits believed to be due. A copy of the Transmittal Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 13, 2003

  
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